

ABSTRACT

A method of treatment for malabsorption diseases is disclosed. Use of α -MSH and/or its derivatives in an amount equal to 25mg/kg of body weight in combination with artichoke leaf extract in an amount equal to 300 to 1000 mgs, for those afflicted with a

5 malabsorption disease is discussed and it is shown that the local action of α -MSH reduces the inflammatory component as well as the deleterious effects of celiac disease in intestinal mucosa exposed to gluten or gliadin.